**News report regarding State financing of poll expenses**

916. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned "State funding of poll expenses ruled out" which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated the 12th October, 1985;

(b) what are the pending reforms suggested by the Election Commission; and

(c) what steps are being taken to process them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the recommendations made by the Election Commission have been given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 657 dated the 29th July, 1985.

(c) The recommendations are still under consideration. While the endeavour of the Government is to put through the proposals would not only require careful consideration but also discussion with political parties, etc.

**Letters of intent for starting industries in Gujarat**

917. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of applications for issue of Letter of Intent for starting industries in Gujarat are pending till day, if so, what are the details thereof, like time of submission of application and for which industries request was made etc.;

(b) how many applications were disposed off favourably during the last three years and the number of applications which were rejected; and

(c) the details thereof including the proposed investment and the names of the industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM): (a) As on 19-11 1985, 85 Industrial Licence applications received under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 for setting up industries in Gujarat State were pending consideration of the Government. Details of pending applications are not divulged till the Government have taken final decisions thereon.

(b) and (c) Out of the applications received during the years 1983, 1984 and 1985 (upto 19-11-1985), 254 applications were approved and letters of intent were issued. 338 applications were rejected. The details letters of intent issued are regularly published in the 'Monthly Newslette. brought out by the Indian Investment Centre. Copies of this publication are available in Parliament Library.

**असम में मतदाता सूचियों में संशोधन**

918. **श्री राम चन्द्र विकल** : क्या **विधि और न्याय** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अखिल असम छात्र संघ ने चुनाव आयोग से मतदाता सूचियों में संशोधन करने के तरीके पर ऐतराज किया है;

(ख) क्या "आसू" ने मतदाता सूची में नाम लिखाने के लिए किए जा रहे दावों और एतराजों को निपटाने के लिए समय बढ़ाने की मांग की है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

**विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज)**: क) और